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**County:** Frederick

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#### ADDENDUM

This addendum clarifies the Monrovia Survey District (F-5-014) boundary, provides a list of contributing properties located within the boundary, provides descriptions of contributing properties added to the district through the boundary clarification, and substantiates the previous surveyor's conclusions in regards to the district's significance through additional deed and census research.

Monrovia's boundary has been defined to include the industrial and commercial center of the village as well as a houses built for workers supporting those enterprises that were built within the period of significance. The period of significance extends from ca. 1830 to 1930 to include properties from the period of active development associated with the Baltimore & Ohio (B& O) railroad stop at Monrovia. The district is significant under the contexts of Commerce, Industry, and Social History. The boundary is drawn to exclude surrounding agricultural properties which may be significant under other contexts.

The 1994 survey of the Monrovia Survey District included the following properties (parcel information is included in parenthesis when available because numerous properties in the district share the same or similar addresses):

F-7-86 Rinehart-Shearer Mill House (p. 80)  
4929 Green Valley Road  
4931 B Green Valley Road (p. 76)  
4931 C Green Valley Road (p. 50)  
4937 Green Valley Road (p. 77, 49, 177, 87)  
Plummer House, documented by Janet Davis as 4937 D Green Valley Road  
1902 B & O Railroad overpass

All of these resources remain with the exception of an abandoned house on parcel 49 of 4937 Green Valley Road, which has been recently demolished. All of these resources are included in the recommended boundary for the Monrovia Survey District with the exception of the Plummer House, which has been excluded because it is an agricultural resource.

The boundary has been expanded to include parcels that were developed for workers housing associated with the industrial and commercial core of Monrovia. Contributing houses are:

4936 Green Valley Road  
4936 A Green Valley Road (p. 92)  
4936 C Green Valley Road (p. 93)  
4936 D Green Valley Road (p. 94)  
5020 A Green Valley Road (p. 10)

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5010 Green Valley Road (p. 97)  
5018 Green Valley Road (p. 98)  
5024 Green Valley Road (p. 117)  
5032 Green Valley Road (p. 95)

4936 Green Valley Road is a ca. 1910 4-bay duplex with an end gable roof. The dwelling is set atop alongside the driveway leading back to the other workers houses at 4936 A, C, and D, which was established as the way to the 18<sup>th</sup> c. Quaker Church in the area (demolished). While the house retains its basic original form, it has been materially altered through the application of aluminum and vinyl siding, sheet metal and asphalt roofing, alteration of window openings to hold recent replacement windows, and infill of door openings to convert the dwelling to a single family house. The house does retain some original six-over-six wood windows. In addition to the material alterations, the property is suffering from deferred maintenance and is in poor condition.

4936 A, C, and D are located just south of the railroad line. They are set on a ridge above the commercial center of Monrovia and are completely screened from the public way by vegetation. A long gravel drive leads to the houses from MD 75 just south of the Wood-Walker Store.

4936 A Green Valley Road is a ca. 1910 3-bay I-house with an end gable roof. This house is the best preserved of Monrovia's workers houses. While it has been materially altered through the application of vinyl siding, the house retains its original form, including rear kitchen ell and early compound rear additions, and fenestration. The porch has recent railings. A shed outbuilding is located behind the house and is now used as a workshop.

4936 C Green Valley Road is a ca. 1910 2-bay vernacular house with an end gable roof. While the house retains its original form and some original exterior features, it has been materially altered through the application of aluminum siding, installation of replacement windows, and reconstruction of its front porch.

4936 D Green Valley Road is a heavily altered ca. 1910 house. This dwelling has huge contemporary additions to every façade and recent siding and fenestration. While it appears that the house was originally similar to 4936 A, the form and materials of the building are largely gone.

5010-5032 Green Valley Road are located north of the railroad line. They are set on a ridge above Green Valley Road. While some of the houses have driveways from the roadway, one group shares a single drive laid out as a part of the 1912 plat.

5010 Green Valley Road is a ca. 1910 3-bay I-house with an end gable roof. The dwelling is set atop the ridge that rises up from the roadway on a 1-acre lot. While the

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house retains its original form, including its original rear kitchen ell, it has been materially altered through the application of recent siding, roofing, and non-operable shutters.

5018 Green Valley Road is a ca. 1915 3-bay I-house with an end gable roof and a front cross gable. The dwelling is set atop the ridge that rises up from the roadway on a 1-acre lot. While the house retains its essential form, it has been materially altered through the application of ca. 1970s siding, and roofing. All of its windows save those in the attic story have been replaced. The porch that fronts the house was also largely rebuilt in ca. 1970s with metal railings, aluminum siding and formstone on the brick foundation. The house retains its original rear kitchen ell, which is altered by a more recent addition. Small agricultural outbuildings, in very poor condition, are located behind the house.

5020 A Green Valley Road is documented in the MIHP as the John S. Watkins House (F-5-086), ca. 1910. It has been altered since that survey through incomplete construction of additions alongside the original front cross gable and addition of a new wrap-around porch. New siding, windows, doors, and roofing have also been installed.

5024 Green Valley Road is a ca. 1915 3-bay I-house with an end gable roof and a small peaked cross gable. The dwelling is set back from the roadway on a 1+ acre lot which rises up from the roadway. While the house retains its essential form, it has been materially altered through the application of recent siding, and roofing. All of its windows and doors have been replaced. A new porch wraps the building and a substantial addition extends to the rear.

5032 Green Valley Road is a ca. 1930 cross-gable cottage. The dwelling is set back from the roadway on a 1.25-acre lot. While the house largely retains its original form, it has been materially altered through the application of recent siding, roofing, and installation of replacement windows and non-operable shutters.

Monrovia retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, and setting because the community has been largely stagnant since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. There are few noncontributing properties located within the boundary. However, the district no longer retains enough material integrity to convey its historic association. The Nicodemus Mill and Wood-Walker Store are abandoned and severely derelict. The Creamery / Cannery and bank have been heavily altered for continued office and light industrial use. The houses have all been substantially materially altered through the application of low-maintenance siding and roofing materials and installation of replacement doors and windows for continued economical occupation.

Monrovia is a fair example of a rural industrial town that blossomed and faded in relation to its role as a stop on the B&O Railroad. In 1831, the B&O established the rail line through Monrovia MD on their original main line. At that date the line ran just north of the

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current Nicodemus Mill, where a remnant of the spur remains. The current rail line location dates from 1901-1902 when the line was moved as part of the Mt. Airy Improvement.

New Market did not have a B&O station, so Monrovia became the local shipping center for farmers, entrepreneurs, and factory owners. Merchants and industrialists built complementary resources adjacent to the rail stop, including mills, general stores, a bank, and housing for area workers. Monrovia thrived through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, but existing business declined in the period of the Great Depression and never recovered as truck shipping replaced rail. The B&O rail spur continued to serve the McComas cannery and Nicodemus Mill (then a grain elevator) in Monrovia into the 1930s, but those enterprises proved to be Monrovia's last gasp as a railroad village.

Census data for the area confirms that Monrovia's industrial roots began with small-scale milling along Bush's Creek in the early 19<sup>th</sup> c. Remaining standing structures substantiate that the village gained immediate business advantages when the B&O established a stop there in 1831. By the 1880s, Melvin Wood was running the general store and John Sullivan was running the mill that still remain. By the early 20<sup>th</sup> c., these businesses were owned by John Walker and Vernon Nicodemus and a bank was established in the village. Walker developed workers houses and house lots on his land adjacent to the railroad prior to his death ca. 1915. A creamery operated at 4937 Green Valley Road for a period in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and was replaced by a cannery run by the McComus family through the 1930s. However, the Great Depression marks the end of Monrovia's period of prosperity. Families living in Monrovia in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> c. had occupations that are representative of the village's activities. The men primarily worked as railroad workers, farm laborers, and carpenters and in Monrovia businesses such as the store, mills, grain elevator, the bank, the creamery, and the cannery.

#### **Wood-Walker Store**

The Wood-Walker store, which was established in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> c., had its heyday under the ownership of Melvin Wood and John C. Walker. Melvin Wood, the son of prosperous farmer Joseph Wood, purchased the store in 1878 when he was 30 years old. In 1880, Melvin Wood (aged 32), a merchant, and Calvin Walker (aged 21), a store clerk, were living with Charles Davis (aged 30), a farmer. By 1900, Wood, a landlord, lived in New Market with his wife of thirteen years and her three daughters between the ages of 20 and 25. In 1910, they lived on the National Road in New Market and Wood (aged 64) was retired. They shared the house with their daughter Margaret (aged 35), a private music teacher, son-in-law C.A. McBride, a bank cashier, and daughter Louise McBride (aged 31).

In 1896, John C. Walker, who had likely been running the store, purchased the property. Unlike Wood, Walker appears to have lived in Monrovia. In 1899, Walker purchased

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the house at 4931 Green Valley Road from Benjamin Kessler, who had purchased the property from the Cronise family in 1884. By 1900, John C. Walker (aged 41), a general merchant, lived with his second wife, Edith (aged 29), their daughter Louise (aged 1), and his widowed mother Jemma (aged 74). In 1910, he is living off of his "own income" and sharing his home with wife, two daughters, Louise (aged 11) and Hester (aged 9), and his mother. By 1920, Walker had died and his family had sold the store.

#### **Walker Houses – south of the tracks**

4936 A, C, and D all appear to have been built by John Walker on the property of his store to serve as rental housing. After his death ca. 1915, Walker's heirs sold the properties.

In 1914, John and Edith Walker sold 4936 A Green Valley Road to Nicholas Grunwell, a retired farmer.

In 1923, the Edith Walker and her daughter sold 4936 C Green Valley Road to Maggie C. Clark and Annie Maught. In 1930, Annie Mock [sic] (aged 55) lived in Monrovia with two sons aged 30 and 27 who were a farm laborer and a laborer in the canning factory.

In 1915, 4936 D Green Valley Road sold at auction to Vernon W. Nicodemus and his wife Emma for \$997.50 in resolution in a court case between Walker's heirs. The Nicodemus family presumably held the property as a rental. Nicodemus died in 1950 and his widow sold the property in 1957.

4936 Green Valley Road is a duplex constructed on the property south and west of the Wood-Walker Store. Samuel and Jessie Brown sold this parcel to Charles H. Schaggs in 1881. In 1900 Charles H. Skaggs [sic] (aged 45), a house carpenter, lived in Monrovia with his sister Lara (aged 43). Schaggs may have built the house himself to provide a house for him and his sister and rental income to the family with the adjoining unit. By 1920, their sister Mary also lived with them. Charles Schaggs gave the house to his sister Laura Schaggs in 1926. In 1930, Laura (aged 52) lived alone in Monrovia. Laura Schaggs died intestate and the property was left to her brother and sisters.

#### **Walker Houses – north of the tracks**

5020 A Green Valley Road (MIHP F-5-86) is a Queen Anne style house located north of the Wood-Walker Store. John and Melissa Watkins appear to have built this house ca. 1910 when he likely worked at the Wood-Walker Store. In 1908, John Calvin Walker and his wife Minnie sold the Watkins a 1-acre lot for \$200. In 1910, John S. Watkins (aged 27), store clerk, lived in Monrovia with his wife of three years, Melissa (aged 26) and their 8 month old son. The Walker heirs sold the store after John Walker's death and by 1920, the Watkins were living in a rented house and he was working as a farm laborer. In 1921, they sold the house for Charles and Florence Storr, of Philadelphia, who had also purchased the Wood-Walker Store.

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5010 Green Valley is a three-bay vernacular house, ca. 1910. John Walker and his wife sold the parcels where this house is located to John W. and Lillie Umberger in 1909 and 1910. In 1910, John and Lillie were farming in the area and lived adjacent to his father, John S. Umberger who also farmed. By 1920, they were living at this property. At that date, John (aged 45) worked at the grain elevator. He lived with his wife Lilly [sic] (aged 42) and their son John W. (aged 14).

5018, 5024 B, and 5032 Green Valley Road are located on property Walker platted in 1912. Because Walker platted this land and there was so little time between the platting and his death, it seems likely that the individual buyers had their houses built.

5018 Green Valley Road is an I-house, ca. 1915. In 1916, railroad engineer Thomas Murphy purchased this parcel from the trustees of the Walker heirs. In 1910, the Murphy family lived in a rented house. By 1920, they lived at this property. At that date, Murphy (aged 49) lived with his wife Effie (aged 47) and three sons between the ages of 24 and 8. They remained at the house in 1930.

5024 A Green Valley Road (MIHP F-5-123) is the Vernon T. Watkins Farm. Although accessed by the lane through the Walker subdivision, this is an agricultural resource and is not located within the Monrovia Survey District.

5024 B Green Valley Road is a ca. 1915 I-house. In 1912, Henry H. Boyer and his wife Cora purchased two lots from the Walkers. In 1910, the Boyers were farming in another area of Frederick County. By 1920, they were living in Monrovia. At that date, Henry Boyer (aged 67) was a bank president. He lived with his wife Cora (aged 51) and their youngest daughter Elizabeth (aged 20).

5032 Green Valley Road is ca. 1930 cross-gable cottage. This property is located on lots 3 and 4 in the Walker Plat. Vernon T. Watkins, who owned the neighboring farm, sold this property to John and Alice Umberger in 1928. Umberger grew up at 5010 Green Valley Road. In 1930, John Umberger (aged 24) worked in a store and lived with his wife of one year, Alice (aged 27). Oral history of the area notes that Umberger ran the Wood-Walker Store in the 1930s. Apparently he lived to talk and drink and made the store the center for male community at the time.

#### **Nicodemus Mill**

The Nicodemus Mill was probably established ca. 1885 when Oglian & Sullivan trading partners purchased the property. In 1886, Oglian sold the property to John W. Sullivan. In 1880, John W. Sullivan (aged 36), a B&O Railroad Agent lived in Monrovia with his wife Annie (aged 33), daughters Gertrude (aged 6) and Elizabeth (aged 3) as well as Emma Small (aged 16) and Thomas France (aged 30), a laborer. Neighbors included widows Catherine Cronise (aged 60), and May Plummer, as well as miller John D.

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Shearer and his family and staff of millers. In 1900, Sullivan also lived near John Walker. By that date Sullivan (aged 56), a grain dealer, was a widower and his daughters remained at home.

In 1906, Sullivan's heirs sold the mill to Vernon Nicodemus. In 1910, Vernon Nicodemus (aged 39), a grain merchant with his own elevator, lived with his wife, Bessie (aged 34) and children Mary (aged 10), Allen (aged 9), and Lucile (aged 4). In 1930, Nicodemus (aged 59), still a grain and feed dealer, is listed on the Monrovia and New Market Road. He lived with his wife, son Allen (aged 29), then an assistant at the grain dealership, daughter Lucille (aged 24) and daughter Ruth (aged 12). They lived adjacent to John Walker's widow Edith (aged 59), who lives with her son-in-law and daughter Louise. Vernon Nicodemus lived until 1950.

### Creamery / Cannery

The chain of title for the Creamery / Cannery property at 4937 Green Valley Road is murky, but it is clear that both enterprises were active in the area. The Frizzell family operated the creamery for a period and in 1910, Raymond Frizzell (aged 29), a creamery separator, lived adjacent to the John Walker family. Oral history documents that the McComas family operated the cannery for local produce in the 1930s.

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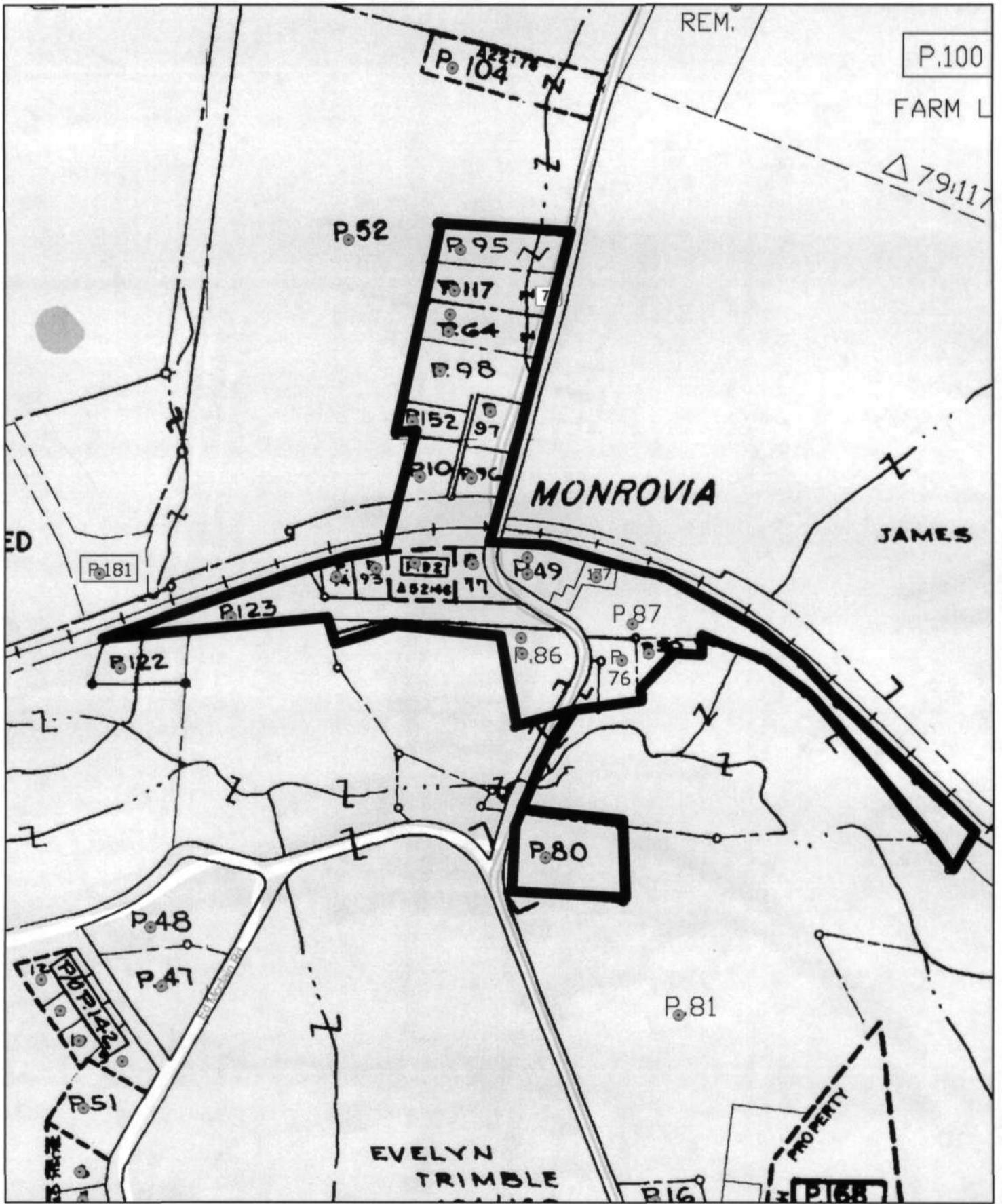
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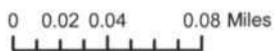
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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Monrovia Survey District Inventory Number: F-5-014  
 Address: Green Valley Road Historic district:  yes  no  
 City: Monrovia Zip Code: 21770 County: Frederick  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Urbana  
 Property Owner: multiple Tax Account ID Number: multiple  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): multiple Tax Map Number: multiple  
 Project: MD 075 at Bush's Creek Bridge Agency: State Highway Administration  
 Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration  
 Preparer's Name: Jennifer Goold Date Prepared: 07/28/2010

Documentation is presented in: F-5-014 Monrovia Survey District; F-5-052 Monrovia Bank; F-5-053 Monrovia General Store; F-5-086 John S. Watkins House; F-5-123 Vernon T. Watkins Farm; F-7-086 Rinehart-Shearer Mill House

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible:  yes  no Listed:  yes  no

Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

As described in the 1994 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form completed by Janet Davis, Monrovia is a fair representative of 19th c. Frederick County industrial villages that developed in response to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad construction in the area. The village retains a representative array of building types associated with Maryland's railroad-related industrial villages, including the ca. 1885 Nicodemus Mill, a late 19th c. / 20th c. creamery/cannery, the ca. 1850 Wood-Walker Store (F-5-053), the 1908 First National Bank of Monrovia (F-5-052), as well as several 19th c. and early 20th c. dwellings. Monrovia's boundary has been defined to include the industrial and commercial center of the village as well as houses built for workers supporting those enterprises. The period of significance extends from ca. 1830 to 1930 to include properties from the period of active development associated with the Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) railroad stop at Monrovia. The district is significant under the contexts of Commerce, Industry, and Social History. The boundary is drawn to exclude surrounding agricultural properties which may be significant under other contexts.

Monrovia retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, and setting because the community has been largely stagnant since the mid-20th century. There are few noncontributing properties located within the boundary. However, the district no longer

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended   
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

**MHT Comments:**

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retains enough material integrity to convey its historic association. The Nicodemus Mill and Wood-Walker Store are abandoned and severely derelict. The Creamery / Cannery and bank have been heavily altered for continued office and light industrial use. The houses have all been substantially materially altered through the application of low-maintenance siding and roofing materials and installation of replacement doors and windows for continued economical occupation. Though historical research indicates that the Monrovia Survey district reflects historical trends in Frederick County, architectural survey indicates that the district does not possess the qualities of integrity necessary to convey that association and to qualify the district for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

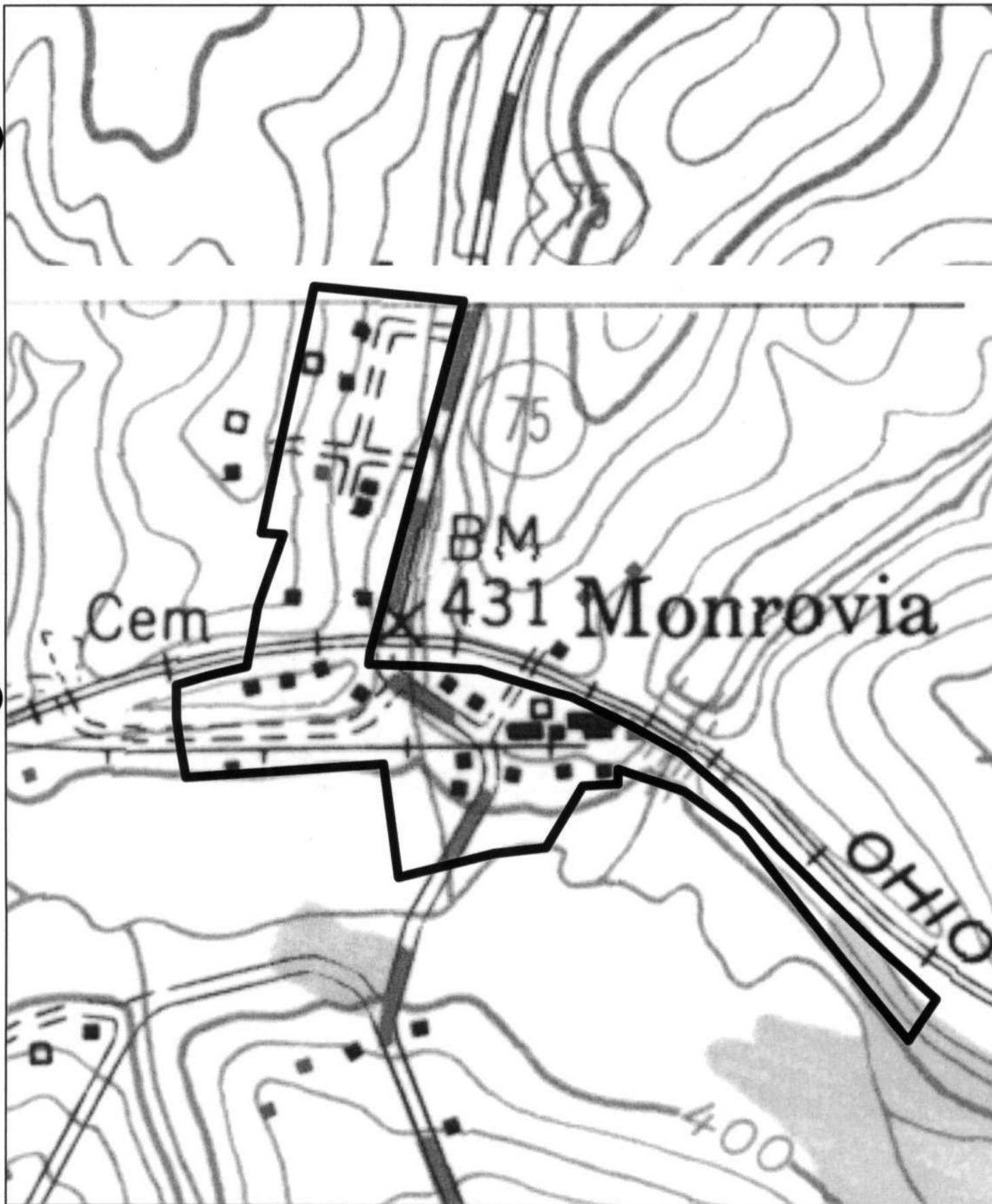
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Urbana Quad, USGS Topographic Map

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View NW - Nicodemus Mill

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View N - Rinehart Sheaver Mill House

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View w - rail spur.

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View e- 4937 Green Valley

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View N - Wood-Walker Store

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View E - Wood Walker Stone

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view NW-structures behind Wood-Walkes Store

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View W - drive, structures + house behind

Wood-Walker Stone

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View N - B + O Railroad Bridge

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View w showing Wood-Walker Store

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WHEELS AND MORE  
REPAIRS & SERVICE  
OF ALL TYPES

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View e - 4937 Green Valley

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view S showing 4937, 4929 Green Valley

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View N - Plummer House

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Professional  
Car Wash

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View B - 4937 Green Valley

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View S-4931 B Green Valley

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View NE - 4937 Green Valley

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View w - 4937 + 4931 C Green Valley

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View S - 4931 G Green Valley

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View W - Nicodemus Mill + Wood-Walker Store

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View W



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View NW - 1st National Bank of Monrovia

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View W - 5024 GV Road

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View SW - 5018 + 5010 Green Valley

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View S - 5020 Green Valley

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View W - structures behind 5018 Green Valley

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View SW ~~4936~~ Green Valley

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View NW - 4936A Green Valley

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View NW-4936 A Green Valley

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View NE -4936A Green Valley

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View NW - 4936 C Green Valley

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View NW - 4936 CtD Green Valley

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View S - Stair to Wood-Walker Stone

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View E - 4936 D Green Valley

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View E - Path to Wood-Walker Stone

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Monrovia Survey District  
New Market vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1830-1930

The survey district of Monrovia is centered on the most closely developed part of the rural industrial village which grew around the 1831 B&O Railroad water station at the crossing of the Bush Creek section of the railroad at the main road between New Market and Kemptown. A grist mill was built in the late 18th century by Anthony Poultney on the south bank of the creek and a few farms and other dwellings were in the vicinity, but the railroad's coming stimulated the growth of both mills and shipping for the New Market vicinity at the Monrovia railroad station. At least two general stores operated in the village by the mid 19th century. One remains standing, the Wood-Walker Store (F-5-53) of about 1850 with additions in the late 1860's and in 1905, which made it one of the largest in the New Market Region. In 1908, the First National Bank of Monrovia was founded and the Renaissance Revival bank building (F-5-52) erected. The circa 1890 Nicodemus Mill is the only remaining mill structure and several sheds currently used as a auto restoration shop were possibly associated with a late 19th century creamery. Among the surviving residences are the circa 1830 Cronise House, probably a log dwelling occupied by Jacob Cronise (1794-1859), the first postmaster of Monrovia, the Plummer House of about the same date, a large five-bay structure with vinyl siding possibly concealing german siding, and the circa 1890's mansard-roofed dwelling possibly built by John Calvin Walker. The survey district includes a section of the present railroad line and the overpass with stone abutments over Green Valley Road, part of the 1901-1902 Mt. Airy Improvement of the B&O's main line which relocated much of the tracks in the Bush Creek vicinity. The Monrovia survey district is a fair example of a 19th century industrial village with its development linked to the establishment of the railroad and its consequent effect on the economic prosperity of the area.

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Monrovia Survey District  
Monrovia  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Crederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
Transportation

Resource Types:

Category: District

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Commerce/Trade/department store/general store  
Industry/processing/extraction/manufacturing/facility/mill  
Transportation/rail-related/railroad bridge  
Transportation/rail-related/railroad

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Monrovia Survey District

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 4900 blk. Green Valley Road  not for publicationcity, town Monrovia  vicinity of congressional district 6thstate Maryland county Frederick

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple property owners

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liberstreet & number 100 W. Patrick Street foliocity, town Frederick state MD 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-5-52, F-5-53date 1977  federal  state  county  localdepository for survey records Md. SHPOcity, town Crownsville state Md.

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-5-14

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 12

The survey district of Monrovia encompasses approximately 8 acres centered just south and east of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad overpass of Green Valley Road (Md. 75) at the center of the 19th century industrial village which developed near the site of a late 18th century mill (demolished) on Bush Creek and the 1831 B&O Railroad line which followed the creek valley. The village is located about 1.5 miles south of New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The survey district contains 12 contributing structures including the surviving late 19th century Nicodemus Mill, the Wood-Walker General Store (F-5-53) dating about 1850-1905, the 1908 First National Bank of Monrovia (F-5-52), four residences ranging in date from the early 1830's to the early 1900's, several frame and brick warehouses and sheds associated with the Nicodemus cannery of the early 20th century, and the 1902 B&O Railroad overpass with stone abutments at Green Valley Road. The dates of the buildings and structures are based on architectural details, historical maps, land records, biographical information on several of the historical period property owners in the 1882 History of Western Maryland and the 1910 History of Frederick County, and a historical essay on Monrovia by W. Gray Harman of 1971 in the Historical Society of Frederick County.

The survey district is a fairly concentrated group located on both sides of Green Valley Road as it follows a tight "S" curve from the B&O overpass at the northern boundary of the district to the southeast and south to cross Bush Creek at the southern boundary of the district. The terrain is generally flat, with the railroad tracks running east-west through the district's northern part and a parallel siding running to the south of the main line along a lane on the south side of the cannery buildings, which are now used as an auto restoration shop. On the south side of the siding are two of the occupied residences and a former residence rehabilitated as an office building at the eastern edge of Green Valley Road. The siding crosses Green Valley Road to parallel the north side of the Nicodemus Mill. According to Harwood's 1979 history of the B&O, Impossible Challenge, this siding is a remnant of the original 1831 main stem which was superseded by the present right of way in the 1901-1902 Mt. Airy Improvement. The former bank building, now an office building, and a fourth residence, currently unoccupied, are located on the north side of Green Valley Road across from the mill. Only one structure in the survey district is located north of the railroad line, the Plummer House, which is north of the bank and the former cannery buildings. The unoccupied and deteriorated Wood-Walker General Store (F-5-53) is located at the western edge of the survey district at the first curve in the road south of the railroad overpass. The available 1858 and 1873 historical maps appear to indicate that the road in the 19th century continued southward past the store to cross the original railroad line and Bush Creek somewhat to the west of the present route. The change in the road and bridge location took place at a date not yet determined, but probably in the early 20th century. The general condition of the unoccupied buildings is fair to deteriorated, while the cannery buildings are in various states, at least one having been partially burned in recent years and rehabilitated by metal siding and a new roof. The occupied residences are in generally good condition, but have metal siding and metal roofs.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** C. 1830-C. 1930      **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria: A   B   C   D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: A   B   C   D   E   F   G

Level of Significance:  national    state    local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Monrovia's survey district is a fair example of a rural industrial village of the second quarter of the 19th century which continued as a small center of commercial activity because of the B&O Railroad being routed through the village in the 1830's and sustaining its economic life into the early 20th century. The surviving elements of wealth and prosperity are the 1908 First National Bank of Monrovia building, a circa 1850-1905 general store which was one of the largest in the New Market Region in the early 20th century, and a circa 1890 flour mill with several associated warehouses used as a cannery beginning about the 1920's. The railroad's 1831 arrival stimulated development around the first industrial site in the vicinity, the Poultney grist mill, which was apparently located on the south bank of Bush Creek, now part of the Urbana Planning Region and not included as a site within the Monrovia survey district. In the 1830's, a few farms and a Quaker Meeting House (demolished) existed on the north bank. The railroad established a water station at Monrovia and Jacob Cronise (1784-1859) was appointed the first postmaster. Through the mid-19th century, the railroad stop at Monrovia became an important shipping point for the town of New Market as well as the surrounding villages and farms. By about 1850, there were at least two stores, a bark mill, and several residences, in addition to the grist and saw mills. In 1901-1902, the B&O relocated much of its Bush Creek main line and at Monrovia, the track was moved a short distance to the north, leaving a section of the original route in place as a siding to serve the creamery and mill which flanked the tracks. The continuing stimulation of the local economy is reflected in the expansion of the Wood-Walker General Store (F-5-53) in 1905 and the founding and construction of the First National Bank of Monrovia (F-5-52) in 1908. The first decade of the 20th century was the peak of Monrovia's development as a village and the boundaries of the survey district outline the heart of its economic core. As the B&O's shipping business declined, most of its smaller stops were eliminated in the 1920's and 1930's. Monrovia as a railroad stop survived a little longer because of the nearby Westport Paving Brick Company's use of the line and because of its part-time telegraph station. However, the community's physical development had become static by about 1930. In this sequence of development expansion, and decline, Monrovia mirrors the other railroad villages of Ijamsville, Adamstown, Buckeystown, and Lime Kiln. Monrovia retains more visible evidence of the commercial and industrial structures of its period of prosperity, although the condition of the survey

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8 acres

Quadrangle name Urbana, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 8 acres as outlined on the attached USGS quad map section.

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 1994

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Following are brief descriptions of the contributing buildings and structures in the survey district:

Wood-Walker General Store (F-5-53): The unoccupied and deteriorating frame two-story commercial building is a large rectangular structure which was probably expanded from a smaller frame building erected about 1847-1850. This earliest section is apparently the southern end of the existing building, with the northern two-thirds added during at least two periods of expansion in the late 19th and early 20th century. The earliest section encompasses the southern three bays on the east elevation. The original extent of the building is indicated by the interior chimneys on the south end and at the north end, now enclosed by the later additions. This section has a one-story porch on the first story, which is now enclosed on the original three bays. When the first addition took place, probably in the late 1860's, the porch was extended over one of the new bays and remains open. The windows are 2/2 with louvered shutters. The 1860's addition added two bays on the east elevation, one with a doorway under a three-light transom. The siding of both sections is german and is in extremely weathered condition. In the 1890's, a further expansion took place, adding the northernmost two bays and a diagonal entry at the northeast corner. The roof, which was probably gabled in the original building, was given a hipped profile during one of the two expansions. It is standing seam metal and a third chimney rises above the northern section. The diagonal doorway is partially boarded, providing a glimpse of a paneled door with a boarded upper section which was probably glazed. A narrow multiple light transom is above the doorway. The west elevation and the interior of the store were inaccessible for this survey. Melvin P. Wood (born 1848) purchased in 1878 what was probably the Griffith store shown on the 1858 map, but Wood's biographical sketch in the 1910 history of the county indicates that he operated the store as early as 1859 and was appointed postmaster at the age of 21. By the mid-1880's, he was elected to the Maryland Legislature and the store was being operated by John Calvin Walker (1858-ca. 1920). In the early 1890's, Walker purchased the store from Wood and in 1905 added the northern portion of the building. Wood and Walker were both among the founders and the president and vice-president of the First National Bank of Monrovia in 1908. The store was subsequently operated by George W. McComas and by Paul A. Zimmerman and John W. Umberger, the last owners before its closing in the early 1960's.

First National Bank of Monrovia (F-5-52): The one-story brick Renaissance Revival bank is a small rectangular building erected in 1908. It has tall, narrow window openings with segmental arches, currently with modern casement windows with infill panels above them. The entrance to the bank is at the southeast corner under a projecting eave of the hipped roof supported by brackets. The doorway has double glass paneled doors under a paneled section which contained a transom. The stone-based stoop at the doorway now has a modern cast iron railing with a centered monogram. The gray-painted brick walls of the structure are divided into panels by plain pilasters and the cornice is corbeled brick. The south elevation has a pair of windows in a single panel while those on the east elevation have a single window in each of three panels. The hipped roof is currently covered with composition material,

7.2 Description (Continued)

but was probably slate in its original state. The terra cotta or metal cresting at the ridge is original. The Monrovia Bank was merged with the Central Trust Company in 1916 and closed in the early 1930's in the aftermath of the 1929 stock market crash and ensuing Great Depression of the 1930's. The bank is now the office of a construction company.

Nicodemus Mill: The late 19th century frame mill is a two-story structure at the southern curve of Green Valley Road on the west side of the road. Its exterior is covered with weathered german siding and the roof is corrugated metal. The foundation is stone. A raised section near the west end of the roof housed the lifting machinery for the flour milling machinery. The windows are 6/6. A one-story shed addition with an exposed concrete block foundation on the south adjoins the two-story section on the south side. The foundation has large, lift-type garage doors near the southwest corner. At the east gable end is a stone-based porch with an overhanging canopy over the entrance in the first story. The building is apparently a storage structure for the auto restoration business which occupies the historically associated cannery buildings on the east side of Green Valley Road. The exact construction date of the mill is not yet determined, but may be at least as early as 1885, the year that the firm of Ogburn and Sullivan purchased the property from the Smith brothers. An earlier mill may have existed on the site at the time. Vernon W. Nicodemus (1870-1950) formed a partnership with John W. Sullivan, the surviving partner of the Ogburn and Sullivan firm, in 1902. In 1905, the firm became Nicodemus and Grimes with the death of Sullivan and the entry of Edgar L. Grimes. Nicodemus was one of the postmasters of Monrovia, appointed in 1905. The mill continued in operation until about the 1950's.

Cannery buildings: The cannery buildings located east of Green Valley Road and south of the B&O Railroad tracks were associated with the Nicodemus Mill in the 1920's to 1950's. The buildings include mostly one-story brick and frame structures in functional plans with much use of modern siding and corrugated metal. At least 6 of the approximately 10 buildings are contributing structures, and appear to have been built about 1890-1930, but all have been altered and retain minimal integrity. Part of one building near the road was burned in recent years and was rehabilitated by covering the fire-damaged section with siding.

According to Mr. Frank Gladhill, the buildings contained corn husking, canning, and shipping activities under the ownership of the Nicodemus and Grimes firm which dealt in grain and produce. At least some of the buildings may have originally been part of the "Monrovia Creamery" erected in 1888 by Bertha Oswald Frizzell and operated by his son Raymond L. Frizzell until about 1914. It is not clear how long after that date the creamery was in operation or when the Nicodemus & Grimes firm began canning operations in the buildings.

Plummer House: The two-story Plummer House is located north of the B&O Railroad tracks and has a five-bay elevation facing southeast. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding, possibly covering german siding. The roof is corrugated metal. The entrance in the center bay has sidelights and probably has a transom now covered by the vinyl siding. Interior chimneys are at the north and south gable ends. The windows are 6/6. A small frame barn is

7.3 Description (Continued)

located north of the house. The building is probably that shown as the "Mrs. Plummer" residence on the 1873 map and "J. G. Plummer" on the 1858 map. Its date is at least 1850 and log structure may be present which could place the construction around 1830. The Plummer House is currently an occupied private residence.

Cronise House, 4931C Green Valley Road: The two-story log building now has modern vertical T-111 siding, but its general form is that of a typical dwelling of the first quarter of the 19th century. It has four bays on the north elevation and a one-story porch. The gable roof is standing seam metal. The windows are 2/2 and a rebuilt exterior brick chimney is on the east gable end. A two-story rear wing extends from the southwest corner. A modern carport is attached to the east elevation. The house is shown on both the 1858 and 1873 maps as the Cronise residence and is probably the house of Jacob Cronise (1784-1859), the first postmaster of Monrovia. The house was evidently standing in 1830-1831 as the B&O Railroad was being built, according to information from a descendant contained in the Harman historical essay on Monrovia at the Historical Society of Frederick County. Cronise is credited by the descendant as being responsible for naming the village "Monrovia" after the capital of Liberia, the reason being that Cronise was an ardent abolitionist.

4931B Green Valley Road: This is a three-story frame dwelling with a mansard roof on the third story. The north elevation has two bays and a one-story porch with turned columns and scroll-sawn brackets. The exterior of the house is covered with vinyl siding and the mansard has a pressed metal covering. Three gabled dormer windows are on the third story, each with a scroll-sawn gable panel, segmental arched frame, and consoles at the base of the dormer. The windows are 2/2 with molded hoods on the north elevation. The doorway in the east bay has a transom and sidelights. A one-story wing is on the south elevation. The house was possibly built in the 1890's by John Calvin Walker.

4929 Green Valley Road: The two-story frame building was probably built in the 1850's, as a structure is shown on the approximate site on the 1858 map. On the 1873 map, the house is identified as the N. W. Hammond residence, but deed research for this survey was inconclusive in confirming this connection. It was recently extensively rehabilitated, with a modern brick veneer applied on the north elevation and vinyl siding on the other elevations. The roof is composition material. A prominent bracketed cornice encircles the main part of the building, but its date was not determined by exterior observation. The windows are replacement 6/6 sash and a modern barrel-vaulted entry porch is on the north elevation. A two-story wing adjoins the main section on the east. Modern wood staircases are on the south elevation, leading to doors in each section. A 1980's photograph in the Frederick News showed an extensive one-story porch across the entire south elevation which has been removed. The building is currently used as an office building.

Unnumbered house west of bank: The two-story frame residence was probably built about 1900 and has a stone foundation with asbestos shingle siding on the exterior. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. Three bays are on the south elevation's first story, with two on the second story. A one-story porch with brick piers and tapered square columns shelters the first story. A small

7.4 Description (Continued)

rear wing extends from the northwest corner. No visible chimneys break the roofline.

B&O Railroad overpass at Green Valley Road: The railroad overpass is a narrow opening with limestone ashlar abutments on each side and the railroad tracks on a short trestle over the gap. The overpass dates from 1901-1902 when the Mt. Air Improvement on the B&O's main line was built, replacing the 1830-1831 original tracks which in Monrovia survives as the right-of-way of the siding running parallel to the present line just south of the former cannery buildings and along the north side of the Nicodemus Mill. According to Harwood's history of the B&O, a small stone arched bridge possibly located just west of the mill, but unobserved in this survey, is one of the few surviving fragments of the original stone arches which characterized the early constructions of the B&O.

8.1 Significance (Continued)

district's buildings is generally fair to deteriorated, except for the occupied residences and the two office buildings occupying the bank building and one of the former residences.

A 1980's article in the Frederick News by Michael Spaur included a description of Monrovia's founding as a platted town in the 1740's by Samuel Plummer and Nicholas Hall, the first landowners to plan the town of New Market. In this article, Anthony Poultney's mill was the stimulus to development of the area, called Hall Town, beginning about 1782. Deed records to corroborate the 1740's date of platting of the later village of Monrovia and the name "Hall Town" were not found in research for this survey; however, Anthony Poultney bought parcels in the vicinity beginning about 1792 and the 1808 Varle map shows a mill and the Quaker Meeting House near the site of Monrovia. A late 18th century woolen factory noted in the 1882 Scharf History of Western Maryland is shown on the Varle map on a branch of Bush Creek southeast of Monrovia. It seems likely, however, that Monrovia's true development as a village is due to the 1831 B&O Railroad line. This was suggested in Harman's 1938 communication with the B&O's public relations office, later cited in his essay on Monrovia, in which the railroad company stated that the village did not exist prior to the coming of the railroad. By this is probably meant that the existing buildings and the mill were scattered in location and not focused on a fixed center. The railroad line became the center of Monrovia's existence from 1831 to the present, even though it is no longer a station on the line.

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# Moravia Survey District

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
Parcel 11 985/257 14 Apr 76	James J. Ruppert	James J. & Barbara D. Ruppert	Tract 1: 125 3/4 A. 472/162, 20 May 48 Tract 2: 100' x 40' 472/216, 20 May 48	
30 June 49	James J. Ruppert et ux	Raymond R. Ruppert		
Tract 2: 472/216 20 May 48	Raymond R. Ruppert	James Hickman Stanley et ux	40' x 100'	472/162, 20 May 48 472/160, 31 May 48 434/140, 9 May 41
360/219 13 Feb 26	James H. Stanley et ux	M.M.A. + Eliza Beth C. Simpson		
316/283 <del>180/15</del> 7 Apr 16	M.M.A. Simpson	John Clark et ux	Creamery & equipment thereon conveyed with land	
314/263 18 Oct 15	John Clark	George A. Pearce & Leohard B. Muddock, trustees	Equity 9302: farm, creamery & equipment 125 3/4 A. Sale of property of John C. Walker, dec.	#9,050-farm #250-creamery
Equity Record HWB 7/359	Ad for sale: Tract No. 4: 126 A. of land improved by a dwelling house containing 12 rooms, cellar, large bank barn, corn house, wagon shed, ice house, carriage house... also improved by a creamery and equipment which will be offered separately...			
308/395 9 Apr 14	John C. Walker	Emory L. Coblenz, assignee of mortgage.	126 A. Berthier O. & Mary Lou Triggell, mortgagee	#8,064

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
Parcel 11 (cont.) WIP 6/477 10 Oct 1883	Bertha O. Luzjell	Anna M. & Edward M. Hughes	140 A.	\$9,100
AF 7/526 30 Oct 1883	Anna M. Hughes, (then Plummer)	Mary M. Plummer (daughter of Mary)		
Mill Record APK 1/133 30 Jul 1857	Mary M. Plummer	Thomas M. Plummer		
WBT 14/7 12 Dec 1850	Thomas M. Plummer	Henry Lorenty, trustee	Equity 2246 Sifford & Lorenty vs. M.M. H.V. Cronise	\$1,076
WBT 12/148 26 Mar 1850	Thomas M. Plummer	Machabiel Thomas	187 1/2 A., mentions mill race & road ROW sold in Oct 1791 to A. Poultney	
HS 8/563 8 May 1839	Men. Meitenbaker	Nicholas H. Pitts, exec of	187 1/2 A. "New Market Plains" Elizabeth Pitts	\$3,402.65



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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
P. 86 (Mill) 1232/651 24 Mar 84	Frank A. + Carol M. Shelton	Edwin C. + Evelyn L. Keith	P. 1: P. 1 in 1134/88 P. 2: 1 R. 14 sq. p.	\$24,000
1134/88 28 Oct 80	Edwin C. Keith et ux	Cleopatra Campbell, assignee under mortgage	Equity 29,570 P. 1-3: total 2Q., 29 p. from Interstate Engineering, Inc.	\$31,500
1055/49 5 Jul 78	Interstate Enterprises, Inc.	B. & T. Supplies Inc.	2Q., 29 p.	\$75,000
875/420 14 Apr 72	B & T Supplies Inc.	Edwin C. Keith et ux		
768/254 30 June 67	Edwin C. Keith et ux	Allen M. Niodeenus, et al exec's of LWT of Emma C. Niodeenus, dec.		
5TH 271/581 23 Jan 06	Nelson W. + Emma C. Niodeenus	Elizabeth S. Cedel et al, heirs of John W. Sullivan	2Q., 29 sq. p.	
WIP 1/639 20 Nov 1886	John M. + Annie C. Sullivan	Wm. W. Oghian		\$4,000
AF 9/687 19 Mar 1885	Oghian + Sullivan, trading partners	George M. + James M. Smith et ux	"New Market Plains"	\$7,600
TG 2/281 27 Mar 1872	Smith brothers	N. W. & M. E. Hammes		\$12,500
DSB 1/244 1 Apr 1867	N. W. Hammes	Louis S. Detrich et ux		

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
P.123 1327/571 6 Mar 86	Howard S. Payne	Aronson, Greene, Fisher & Co. chartered	0.980. 452/201 P.A + B, C w/1,653 fl. of track	\$10,000
1327/566 26 Jan 86	Aronson, Greene Fisher & Co.	Lawrence Heffner aka Lawrence E. Heffner, jr., sub. trustee	Equity B4, 132	\$10,000
1094/568 14 Aug 79	Interstate Enterprises, Inc.	Aronson, Greene, Fisher & Co.	deed of trust P.1452/201, 31 Jan 46 P.2653/689	\$60,000
P.2: 653/689 25 May 61	John W. & Louise E. Umberger	Emma E. Nicodemus		
423/420 8 Apr 40	Vernon W. & Emma E. Nicodemus	Peoples Liquid- ating Corp.		
P.1: 452/201 31 Jan 46	Joseph A. & Paul B. Ganley	J. Hickman J. Ganley & W. W. W. W. P. Ganley		
320/361 29 Mar 17	J. Hickman Ganley	Eugene Sporseller et al	221a. 316/344 1 Apr 16	
P.2: 395/497 23 Oct 34	Peoples Liquid- ating Corp.	Central Trust Co. of Mo.	Equity 12,299 (extensive petitions 1931-1930)	
318/571 25 Nov 16	Central Trust Co.	1st Nat'l Bank of Monrovia	sale of bank bldg. w/ furniture, fixtures 1200 sq. ft.	\$6,300
286/20 20 Nov 08	1st Nat'l Bank of Monrovia	John C. & Mimmie E. Walker	1200 sq. ft.	\$200

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
P. 123-P. 1 316/344 1 apr 16	Eugene Spouselle & Charles A. Castle	Jessie Wright Brown	221 a., 7R., 37.74 sq. p. AF 7/467, 27 Sept 1883 AF 7/401, 15 Aug 1883 JWLC 4/317, 14 Aug 1866 CM 2/3	
AF 7/401 15 Aug 1883	Jesse W. Brown	Wm. & Margaul Downey, Schud R. Brown et ux	CM 2/35, 18 Aug 1868	
CM 2/35 18 Aug 1868	Jesse Wright	Louis J. & Kate Detrick	house & lot at Monrovia Depot on south side of B+O R.R.	\$600
BBF 4/302 7 Jul 1859	Louis J. Detrick	James M. Harding, trustee of Jesse Walker	1/8 a., triangular lot bounded on n. by B+O R.R., east by County Rd., west by lot Equity 4302 - Equity Record AF 1/194 owned by Hugh M. Allen	\$600
ES 4/204 39 Jul 1853	Jesse Walker	Ann & John Thomas		
ES 4/203 28 June 1853	Ann Thomas	Wm. P. Anderson, trustee for sale of real estate of Thos. Anderson, jr., dec.		
P. 50 4935 664/198 6 Feb 62	Green Valley Cornelius M. & Irene E. Brasher	Hester Walker Fisher, div	Hester & Louisa Walker Abrecht, dec. were only heirs of John Calvin Walker in 1915	
DHH 3/687 26 Jan 1899	John Calvin Walker	Daniel A. Lichty, surr exp of W+T of Benjamin Kessler	1 1/4 a.	\$2450
AF 9/423 23 Sept 1884	Benjamin Kessler	Joseph Cronise trustee		
JWLC 4/64 7 May 1866	Catherine S. Cronise	Jacob L. Cronise	J 540/342, 25 Jul 1832 Nicholas H. Petts to Jacob Cronise	\$2500

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Lot Size, Description,  
Original Tracts,  
Miscellaneous

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
<del>49</del> 29-4931 1428/975 31 Dec 86	Green Valley James A. + Dwendolyn R. Stoner	James M. Kenney	1/2 A.	\$54,700
845/594 31 Mar 71	James M. Kenney	John N. + Bonnie J. Russ	1/2 A. DHH 3/687	
733/108 24 Sept 65	John N. Russ et ux	Nester Walker Fisher, sum. heir of John Calvin Walker	1/2 A.	
DHH 3/687 26 Jan 1899	John Calvin Walker	Daniel A. Lechty, exec of LW & T of Benjamin Nessler		
P. 86 1232/651 24 Mar 84	Franka. + Carol M. Shelton	Edwin C. + Evelyn L. Keith		\$24,000
Store P. 77 1245/370 3 Jul 84	Howard S. Payne	M. Jordan Associates	"The Store Property"	\$24,000
912/584 11 May 73	M. Jordan Associates, Inc.	Henry M. + Grace C. Bescraft		
657/243 30 Aug 61	Henry M. Bescraft et ux	Paul A. Zimmer man et al		
412/220 2 May 38	Paul A. Zimmer man + John W. Nimburger	George M. + Nellie K. McComas		
401/375 20 Feb 36	George M. McComas et ux	George M. McComas & Co., Inc	1st Parcel JLS 14/468	

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Lot Size, Description,  
Original Tracts,  
Miscellaneous

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
Store P. 77 390/538 28 Apr 34	George W. Mc- Comas & Co.	Florence Q. & Charles H. Storr		
331/494 5 May 20	Florence Q. & Charles H. Storr	Charles B. & Mazmie E. Haiper		
331/493 1 May 20	Charles B. Haiper et ux	George A. Pearson Jr. & Richard B. Murdock, trustees	Equity 10050 - Equity Record EGH 4/99	\$6200
JLJ 14/468 16 Nov 1896	John C. Walker	Melvin P. Wood et ux		\$3200
TC 10/631 12 Jul 1878	Melvin P. Wood	Joseph J. Griffith et al		\$1800
wrongly? JWC 1/01 2 Jan 1864	Jemima Griffith	Lekeus Griffith et al trustees of B.A. Griffith		
BGF 5/309 2 Mar 1860	David P. Griffith	Charles L. Roelkey et ux	2 a., 2 p., 8 sq. p.	\$800
ES 10/39 17 Dec 1856	Charles S. Roelkey	John H. & Louisa M. Detrick	2 a., 2 p., 8 sq. p.	\$500
ES 3/561 7 Apr 1854	John H. Detrick	Charles S. Roelkey et ux	2 a., 2 p., 8 sq. p.	\$650
WBT 6/248 19 June 1847	Charles S. Roelkey	Melvin P. Anderson Trustee	Equity 1977 - Equity Record WBT 1/400 2 a., 2 p., 8 sq. p.	\$307

Plummer House  
4937 D

1902 Bridge

B + O Railroad

Cannery Bldgs.  
Now Auto Restoration  
Shops

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bered hsc. [B] 1st Nat'l  
Bank of  
Montrovia  
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[B] Md. 75  
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Wood-Walker  
General Store

[B] Nicodemus  
Mill

P.R. siding  
[C] 4929 [B] 4931B [C] 4931C

(Survey District includes  
Structures shown north  
of Bush Creek)



Bush Creek

New Market Planning Region

NC bridge

Urbana Planning Region

Approximate site  
of Poultney Mill &  
succeeding mills

Ed McLain  
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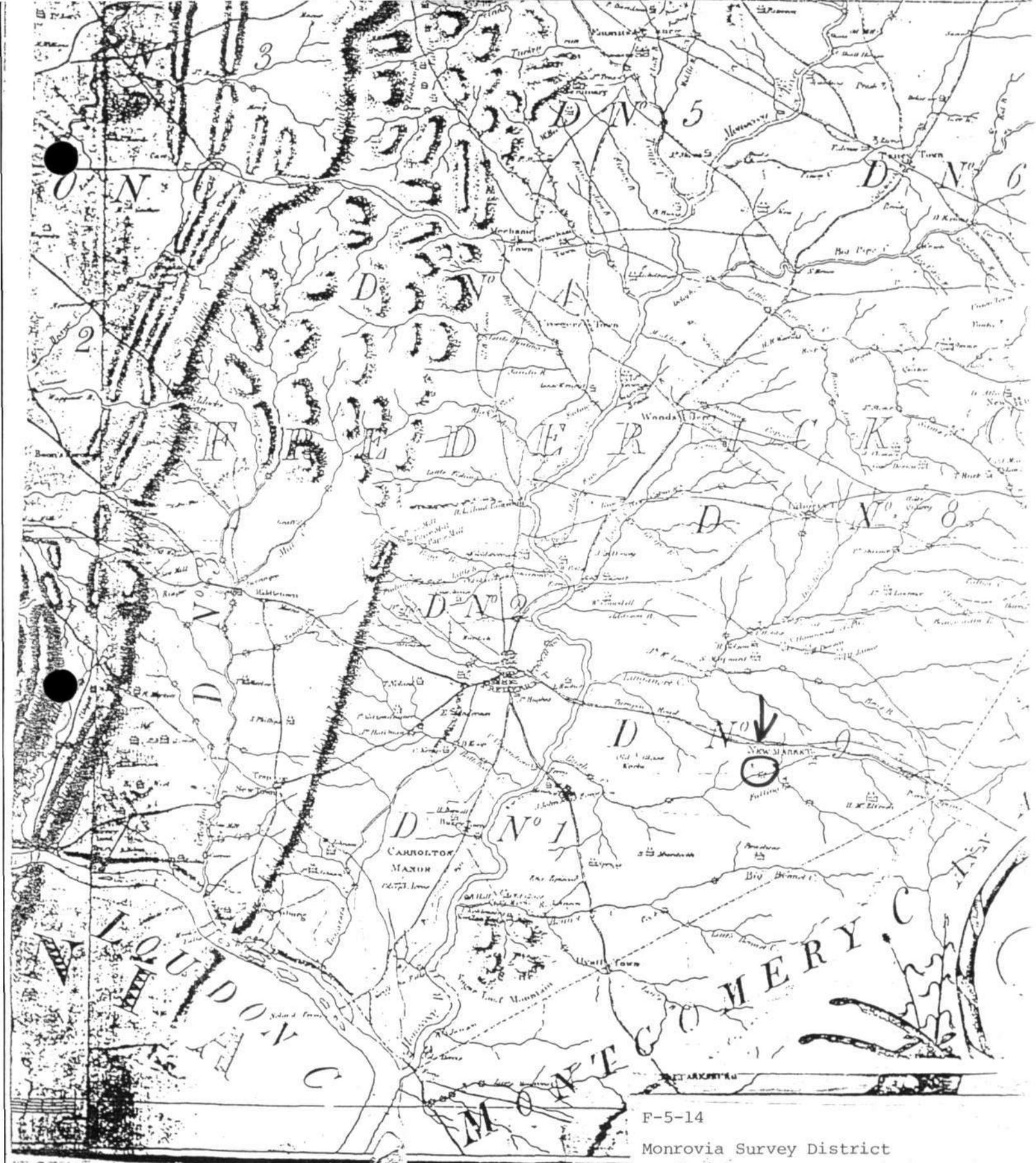
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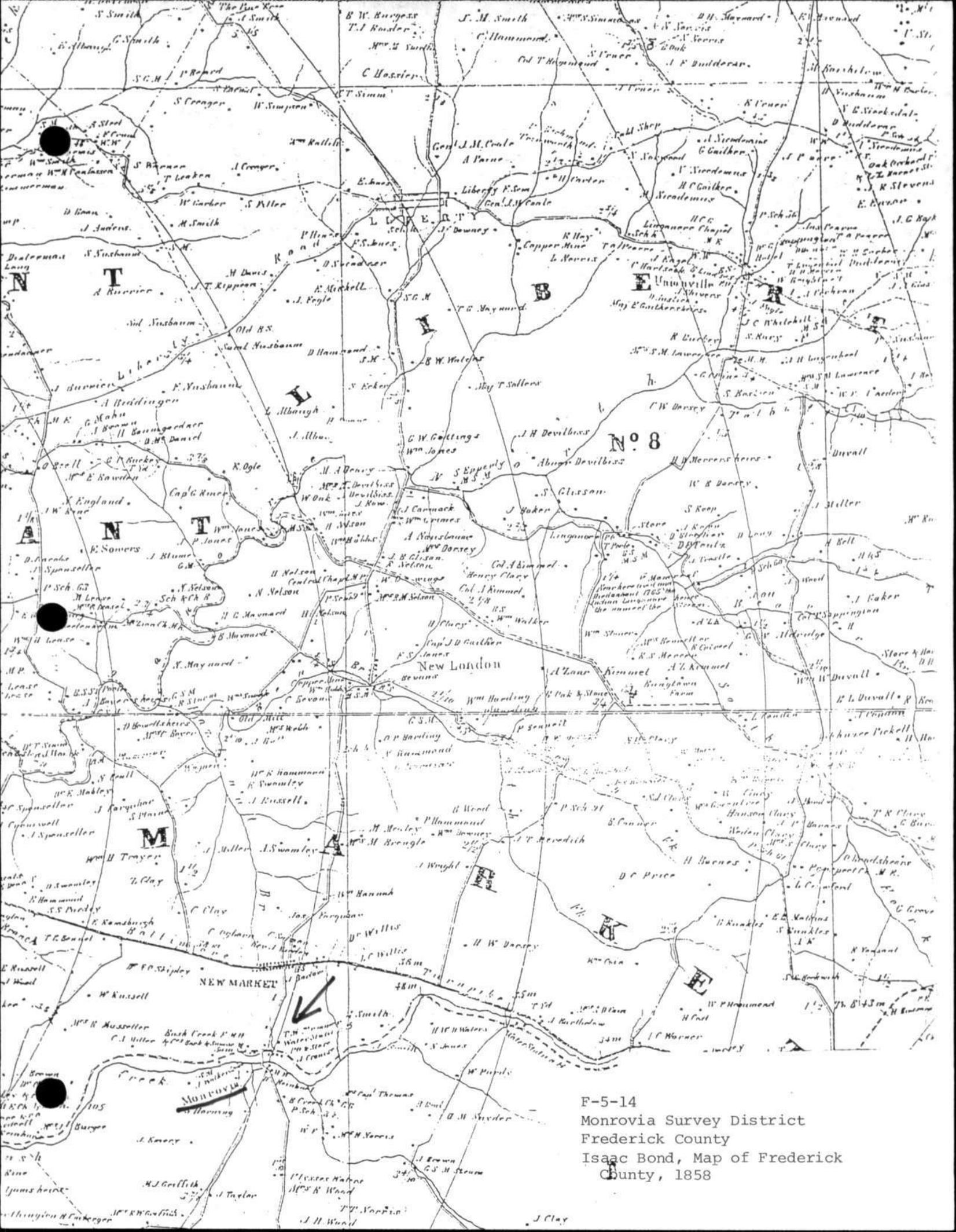
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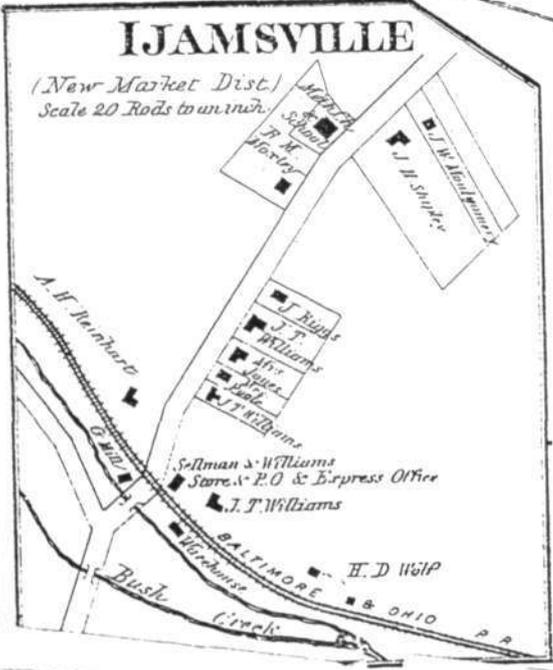
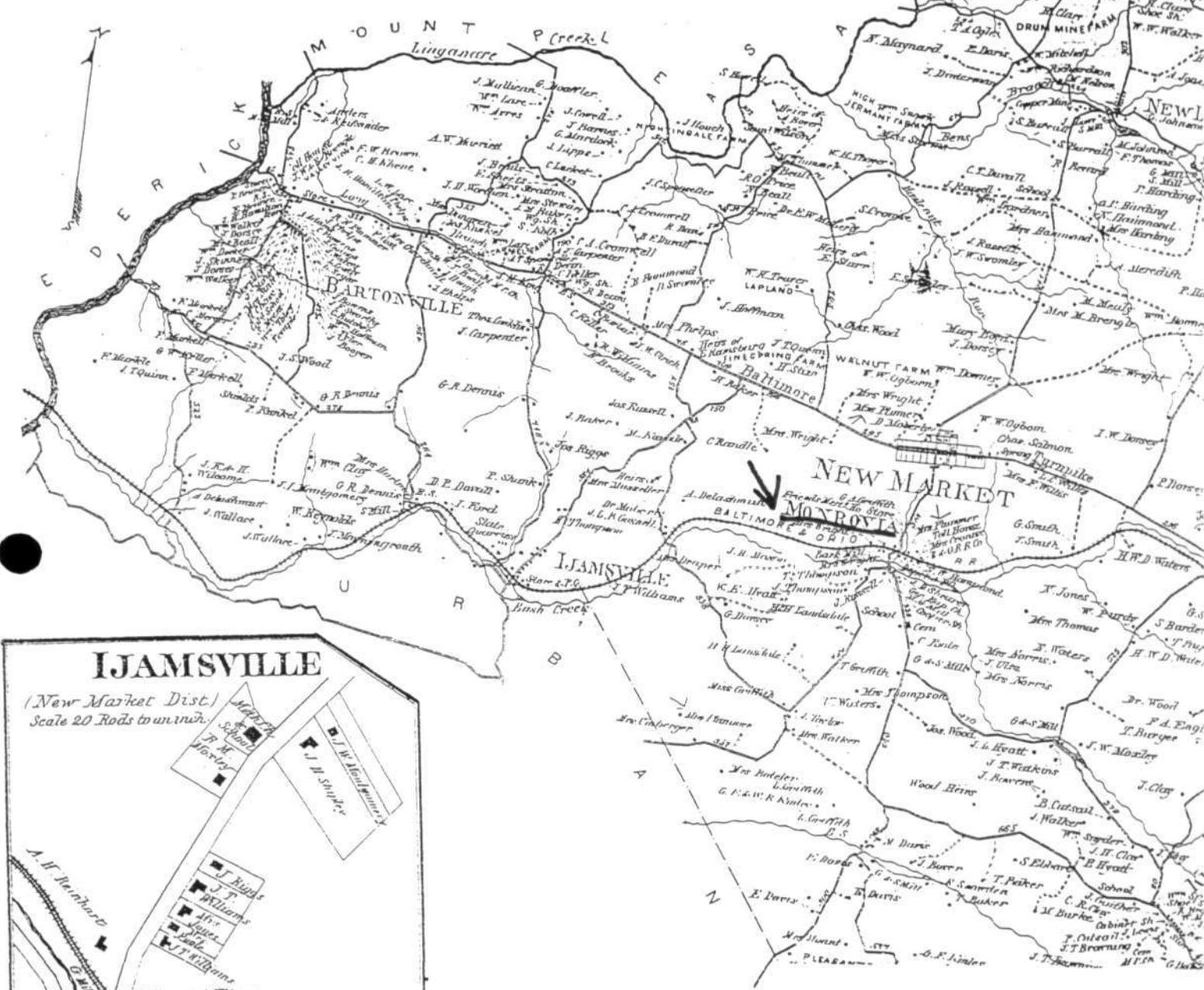
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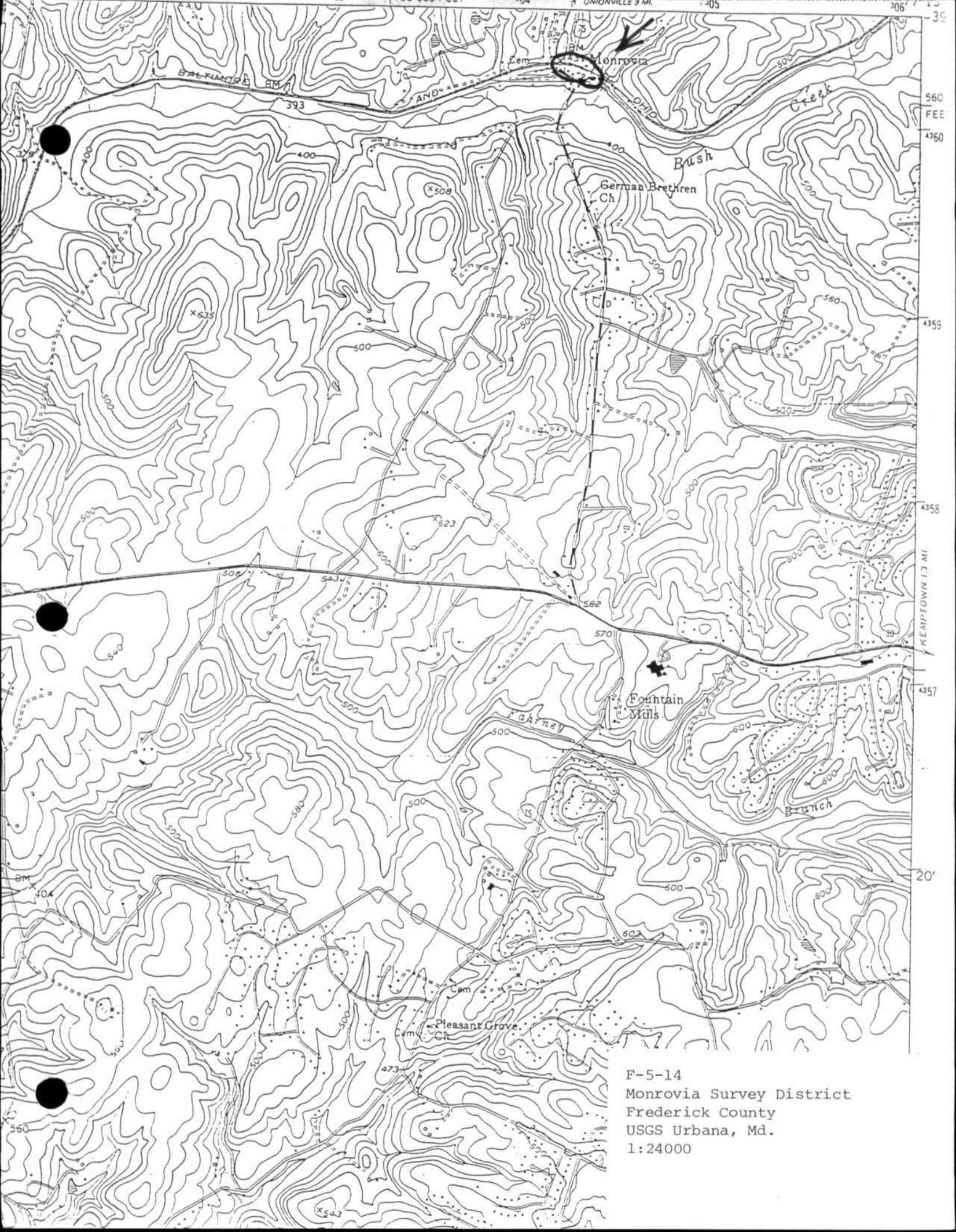
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View north on Green Valley Road from  
Bush Creek

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Nicodemus Mill, south elevation

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4929 Green Valley Road, north elevation

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4931 E Green Valley Rd., north elevation

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View east on an tailroad siding from  
Green Valley Road

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4931C Green Valley Rd., Northwest corner  
View

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1st National Bank of Monrovia, southeast  
corner view (F-5-52)

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Plummer House, view from south

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Unnumbered house west of bank, south  
elevation

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Wood-Walker General Store, northeast  
corner view

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1902 B&O Railroad bridge at Green  
Valley Road, view from south

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